#### WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

## 1. A compound having the structure:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_3 & A & N \\ R_6 & R_3 \\ R_5 & R_4 \end{bmatrix}_m \begin{bmatrix} X & X & X \\ Y & X & X \\ M & Y & M \end{bmatrix}_m$$

wherein

M is a metal having an atomic weight greater than 40;

R<sub>3</sub>' is a substituent selected from the group consisting of alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and aralkyl, wherein R<sub>3</sub>' is optionally substituted by one or more substituents Z;

R<sub>5</sub> is a substituent selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said aryl or heteroaryl is unsubstituted or optionally, substituted with one or more non-aromatic groups;

ring A is an aromatic heterocyclic or a fused aromatic heterocyclic ring with at least one nitrogen atom that is coordinated to the metal M, wherein the ring A can be optionally substituted with one or more substituents Z;

R<sub>3</sub> is a substituent selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkylaryl, CN, CF<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>n</sub>F<sub>2n+1</sub>, trifluorovinyl, CO<sub>2</sub>R, C(O)R, NR<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, OR, halo, aryl, heteroaryl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl or a heterocyclic group;

R<sub>4</sub> is a substitutent selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkylaryl, CN, CF<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>n</sub>F<sub>2n+1</sub>, trifluorovinyl, CO<sub>2</sub>R, C(O)R, NR<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, OR, halo, aryl, heteroaryl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl or a heterocyclic group;

additionally or alterntatively, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub>, together from independently a fused 4 to 7-member cyclic group, wherein said cyclic group is cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl; and wherein said cyclic group is optionally substituted by one or more substitutents Z;

R<sub>6</sub> is a substitutent selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkylaryl, CN, CF<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>n</sub>F<sub>2n+1</sub>, trifluorovinyl, CO<sub>2</sub>R, C(O)R, NR<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, OR, halo, aryl, heteroaryl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl or a heterocyclic group;

alternatively, R<sub>3</sub>' and R<sub>6</sub> may be bridged by a group selected from -CR<sub>2</sub>-CR<sub>2</sub>-, -CR=CR-, -CR<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -NR-, -O-CR<sub>2</sub>-, -NR-CR<sub>2</sub>-, and -N=CR-;

each R is independently H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or aralkyl; wherein R is optionally substituted by one or more substituents Z;

each Z is independently a halogen, R', O-R', N(R')<sub>2</sub>, SR', C(O)R', C(O)OR', C(O)N(R')<sub>2</sub>, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, SOR', SO<sub>2</sub>R', or SO<sub>3</sub>R';

Each R' is independently H, alkyl, perhaloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl;

(X-Y) is an ancillary ligand;

m is a value from 1 to the maximum number of ligands that may be attached to the metal; and m + n is the maximum number of ligands that may be attached to the metal.

# 2. The compound of claim 1, having the structure:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_4' & R_5' \\ R_3' & N \\ R_6 & N \\ R_7 & N \\ \end{bmatrix} M \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ N \\ M \end{pmatrix} M$$

wherein

 $R_4$ ',  $R_5$ ', and  $R_6$ ' are each independently H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl; and wherein  $R_4$ ',  $R_5$ ', and  $R_6$ ' are optionally substituted by one or more substituents Z; and

additionally or alternatively, any one or more of R<sub>4</sub>' and R<sub>5</sub>', or R<sub>5</sub>' and R<sub>6</sub>', or R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub>, together form independently a fused 4- to 7-member cyclic group, wherein said cyclic group is cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl; and wherein said cyclic group is optionally substituted by one or more substituent Z;

additionally or alternatively,  $R_3$ ' and  $R_6$  are linked by a group having the formula: -CR<sub>2</sub>-CR<sub>2</sub>-, -CR = CR-, -CR<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -NR-, -O-CR<sub>2</sub>-, -NR-CR<sub>2</sub>-, -N = CR- wherein R is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, aryl, and aralkyl.

## 3. The compound of claim 2, having the structure:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_4 \\ R_3 \\ R_6 \\ R_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M \\ Y \\ N \\ M \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ N \\ M \end{bmatrix}$$

### 4. The compound of claim 2, having the structure:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_{3} \\ R_{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_{6} \\ R_{7} \\ R_{6} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_{6} \\ Y \\ R_{7} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_{6} \\ Y \\ R_{7} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_{6} \\ Y \\ R_{7} \end{bmatrix}$$

5. The compound of claim 2, having the structure:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_4 \\ R_5 \\ R_6 \\ R_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_4 \\ R_6 \\ R_5 \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_4 \\ N \\ N \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_5 \\ N \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_6 \\ N \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_7 \\ N \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

- 6. The compound of claim 2, wherein R<sub>5</sub> is substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, naphthyl or pyridyl.
- 7. The compound of claim 6, wherein  $R_5$  is a phenyl.
- 8. The compound of claim 6, wherein  $R'_3$  is a methyl group.
- 9. The compound of claim 2, having the structure:

$$R_{4}$$
 $R_{5}$ 
 $R_{6}$ 
 $R_{4}$ 
 $R_{6}$ 
 $R_{4}$ 
 $R_{7}$ 
 $R_{8}$ 
 $R_{4}$ 
 $R_{4}$ 
 $R_{5}$ 

wherein R<sub>5</sub>' and R<sub>6</sub>' are H, and additionally or alternatively, together form a fused 4- to 7-member cyclic group, wherein said cyclic group is cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl.

- 10. The compound of claim 9, wherein M is selected from the group consisting of Ir, Pt, Pd, Rh, Re, Ru, Os, Tl, Pb, Bi, In, Sn, Sb, Te, Au, and Ag.
- 11. The compound of claim 10, wherein M is Ir.
- 12. The compound of claim 11, having the structure:

$$R_6$$
 $R_4$ 
 $R_3$ 
 $R_4$ 
 $R_4$ 

13. The compound of claim 12, having the structure:

$$\begin{bmatrix} & & & \\ &$$

14. The compound of claim 13, wherein m is 3 and n is zero, such that the compound has the structure:

- 15. The compound of claim 13, wherein m is 2 and n is 1.
- 16. The compound of claim 15, having the structure:

17. The compound of claim 11, having the structure:

$$R_6$$
 $R_4$ 
 $R_3$ 
 $R_4$ 
 $R_4$ 

18. The compound of claim 17, having the structure:

19. The compound of claim 18, wherein m is 3 and n is zero, such that the compound has the structure:

- 20. The compound of claim 18, wherein m is 2 and n is 1.
- 21. The compound of claim 20, having the structure:

# 22. A compound comprising a ligand having the structure:

wherein

M is a metal having an atomic weight greater than 40;

R<sub>3</sub>' is a substituent selected from the group consisting of alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and aralkyl, wherein R<sub>3</sub>' is optionally substituted by one or more substituents Z;

R<sub>5</sub> is a substituent selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said aryl or heteroaryl is unsubstituted or optionally, substituted with one or more non-aromatic groups;

ring A is an aromatic heterocyclic or a fused aromatic heterocyclic ring with at least one nitrogen atom that is coordinated to the metal M, wherein the ring A can be optionally substituted with one or more substituents Z;

R<sub>3</sub> is a substituent selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkylaryl, CN, CF<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>n</sub>F<sub>2n+1</sub>, trifluorovinyl, CO<sub>2</sub>R, C(O)R, NR<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, OR, halo, aryl, heteroaryl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl or a heterocyclic group;

R<sub>4</sub> is a substitutent selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkylaryl, CN, CF<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>n</sub>F<sub>2n+1</sub>, trifluorovinyl, CO<sub>2</sub>R, C(O)R, NR<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, OR, halo, aryl, heteroaryl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl or a heterocyclic group;

additionally or alterntatively, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub>, together from independently a fused 4 to 7-member cyclic group, wherein said cyclic group is cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl; and wherein said cyclic group is optionally substituted by one or more substitutents Z;

R<sub>6</sub> is a substitutent selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkylaryl, CN, CF<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>n</sub>F<sub>2n+1</sub>, trifluorovinyl, CO<sub>2</sub>R, C(O)R, NR<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, OR, halo, aryl, heteroaryl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl or a heterocyclic group;

alternatively, R<sub>3</sub>' and R<sub>6</sub> may be bridged by a group selected from –CR<sub>2</sub>-CR<sub>2</sub>-, -CR=CR-, -CR<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -NR-, -O-CR<sub>2</sub>-, -NR-CR<sub>2</sub>-, and -N=CR-;

each R is independently H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or aralkyl; wherein R is optionally substituted by one or more substituents Z;

each Z is independently a halogen, R', O-R', N(R')<sub>2</sub>, SR', C(O)R', C(O)OR', C(O)N(R')<sub>2</sub>, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, SOR', SO<sub>2</sub>R', or SO<sub>3</sub>R';

each R' is independently H, alkyl, perhaloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl.

## 23. The compound of claim 22, wherein the ligand has the structure

$$R_{4}$$
 $R_{5}$ 
 $R_{6}$ 
 $R_{3}$ 
 $R_{6}$ 
 $R_{3}$ 
 $R_{4}$ 
 $R_{3}$ 

wherein

 $R_4$ ',  $R_5$ ', and  $R_6$ ' are each independently H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl; and wherein  $R_4$ ',  $R_5$ ', and  $R_6$ ' are optionally substituted by one or more substituents Z; and

additionally or alternatively, any one or more of R<sub>4</sub>' and R<sub>5</sub>', or R<sub>5</sub>' and R<sub>6</sub>', or R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub>, together form independently a fused 4- to 7-member cyclic group, wherein said cyclic group is cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl; and wherein said cyclic group is optionally substituted by one or more substituent Z;

additionally or alternatively,  $R_3$ ' and  $R_6$  are linked by a group having the formula: -CR<sub>2</sub>-CR<sub>2</sub>-, -CR = CR-, -CR<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -NR-, -O-CR<sub>2</sub>-, -NR-CR<sub>2</sub>-, -N = CR- wherein R is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, aryl, and aralkyl.

## 24. The compound of claim 23, wherein the ligand has the structure:

$$R_4$$
 $R_3$ 
 $R_6$ 
 $R_5$ 
 $R_4$ 
 $R_3$ 

25. The compound of claim 23, wherein the ligand has the structure:

26. The compound of claim 23, wherein the ligand has the structure:

- 27. The compound of claim 23, wherein R<sub>5</sub> is substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, naphthyl or pyridyl.
- 28. The compound of claim 27, wherein  $R_5$  is a phenyl.
- 29. The compound of claim 27, wherein R'<sub>3</sub> is a methyl group.
- 30. The compound of claim 23, wherein the ligand has the structure:

$$R_{4}$$
 $R_{6}$ 
 $R_{6}$ 
 $R_{6}$ 
 $R_{6}$ 
 $R_{6}$ 
 $R_{6}$ 

wherein R<sub>5</sub>' and R<sub>6</sub>' are H, and additionally or alternatively, together form a fused 4- to 7-member cyclic group, wherein said cyclic group is cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl.

31. The compound of claim 30, wherein the ligand has the structure:

$$R_6$$
 $R_4$ 
 $R_3$ 

32. The compound of claim 31, wherein the ligand has the structure:

33. The compound of claim 30, wherein the ligand has the structure:

$$R_6$$
 $R_4$ 
 $R_3$ 

34. The compound of claim 33, wherein the ligand has the structure:

35. An organic light emitting device, comprising:

- (a) an anode;
- (b) a cathode; and
- (c) an emissive layer disposed between the anode and the cathode, the emissive layer further comprising an emissive material having the structure:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_3 & A & N \\ R_6 & & & \\ R_7 & & & \\ R_8 & & & \\ R_8 & & & \\ R_9 & & \\ R_$$

#### wherein

M is a metal having an atomic weight greater than 40;

R<sub>3</sub>' is a substituent selected from the group consisting of alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and aralkyl, wherein R<sub>3</sub>' is optionally substituted by one or more substituents Z;

R<sub>5</sub> is a substituent selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said aryl or heteroaryl is unsubstituted or optionally, substituted with one or more non-aromatic groups;

ring A is an aromatic heterocyclic or a fused aromatic heterocyclic ring with at least one nitrogen atom that is coordinated to the metal M, wherein the ring A can be optionally substituted with one or more non-aromatic groups;

R<sub>3</sub> is a substituent selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkylaryl, CN, CF<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>n</sub>F<sub>2n+1</sub>, trifluorovinyl, CO<sub>2</sub>R, C(O)R, NR<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, OR, halo, aryl, heteroaryl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl or a heterocyclic group;

 $R_4$  is a substitutent selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkylaryl, CN, CF<sub>3</sub>,  $C_nF_{2n+1}$ , trifluorovinyl, CO<sub>2</sub>R, C(O)R, NR<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, OR, halo, aryl, heteroaryl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl or a heterocyclic group;

additionally or alterntatively, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub>, together from independently a fused 4 to 7-member cyclic group, wherein said cyclic group is cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl; and wherein said cyclic group is optionally substituted by one or more substitutents Z;

R<sub>6</sub> is a substitutent selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkylaryl, CN, CF<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>n</sub>F<sub>2n+1</sub>, trifluorovinyl, CO<sub>2</sub>R, C(O)R, NR<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, OR, halo, aryl, heteroaryl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl or a heterocyclic group;

alternatively,  $R_3$ ' and  $R_6$  may be bridged by a group selected from  $-CR_2$ - $CR_2$ -,  $-CR_2$ -,  $-CR_2$ -,  $-CR_2$ -,  $-NR_2$ -,  $-NR_3$ 

each R is independently H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or aralkyl; wherein R is optionally substituted by one or more substituents Z;

each Z is independently a halogen, R', O-R',  $N(R')_2$ , SR', C(O)R', C(O)OR', C(O)N(R')<sub>2</sub>, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, SOR', SO<sub>2</sub>R', or SO<sub>3</sub>R';

Each R' is independently H, alkyl, perhaloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl;

(X-Y) is an ancillary ligand;

m is a value from 1 to the maximum number of ligands that may be attached to the metal; and m + n is the maximum number of ligands that may be attached to the metal.

36. The device of claim 35, wherein the compound has the structure:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_{4}' & R_{5}' \\ R_{3}' & N \\ R_{6} & N \end{bmatrix} M \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}_{n}$$

### wherein

 $R_4$ ',  $R_5$ ', and  $R_6$ ' are each independently H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, arlkyl, aralkyl; and wherein  $R_4$ ',  $R_5$ ', and  $R_6$ ' are optionally substituted by one or more substituents Z; and

additionally or alternatively, any one or more of  $R_4$ ' and  $R_5$ ', or  $R_5$ ' and  $R_6$ ', or  $R_3$  and  $R_4$ , together form independently a fused 4- to 7-member cyclic group, wherein said cyclic group is cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl; and wherein said cyclic group is optionally substituted by one or more substituent Z;

additionally or alternatively,  $R_3$ ' and  $R_6$  are linked by a group having the formula: -CR<sub>2</sub>-CR<sub>2</sub>-, -CR = CR-, -CR<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -NR-, -O-CR<sub>2</sub>-, -NR-CR<sub>2</sub>-, -N = CR- wherein R is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, aryl, and aralkyl.

37. The device of claim 36, wherein the compound has the structure:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_4 \\ R_3 \\ R_6 \\ R_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_4 \\ Y \\ R_5 \\ R_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_4 \\ Y \\ R_5 \\ R_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_4 \\ Y \\ R_5 \\ R_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

38. The device of claim 36, wherein the compound has the structure:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_{6} \\ R_{3} \\ R_{6} \\ R_{5} \\ R_{4} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{6} \\ M \\ Y \\ M \\ M \end{bmatrix}$$

39. The device material of claim 36, wherein the compound has the structure:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_{4} \\ R_{4} \\ R_{5} \\ R_{6} \\ R_{5} \\ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{6} \\ R_{6} \\ \\ R_{7} \\ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{6} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{6} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{6} \\ \\ \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

- 40. The device of claim 36, wherein R<sub>5</sub> is substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, naphthyl or pyridyl.
- 41. The device of claim 40, wherein  $R_5$  is a phenyl.
- 42. The device of claim 40, wherein R'<sub>3</sub> is a methyl group.
- 43. The device of claim 36, wherein the compound has the structure:

$$R_{4}$$
 $R_{5}$ 
 $R_{6}$ 
 $R_{6}$ 
 $R_{4}$ 
 $R_{6}$ 
 $R_{7}$ 
 $R_{6}$ 
 $R_{7}$ 
 $R_{7}$ 
 $R_{7}$ 
 $R_{7}$ 
 $R_{8}$ 
 $R_{9}$ 
 $R_{1}$ 
 $R_{2}$ 
 $R_{3}$ 
 $R_{4}$ 

wherein  $R_5$ ' and  $R_6$ ' are H, and additionally or alternatively, together form a fused 4- to 7-member cyclic group, wherein said cyclic group is cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl.

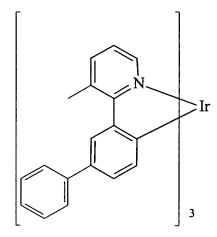
- 44. The device of claim 43, wherein M is selected from the group consisting of Ir, Pt, Pd, Rh, Re, Ru, Os, Tl, Pb, Bi, In, Sn, Sb, Te, Au, and Ag.
- 45. The device of claim 44, wherein M is Ir.
- 46. The device of claim 45, wherein the compound has the structure:

$$R_{6}$$
 $R_{4}$ 
 $R_{3}$ 
 $R_{4}$ 
 $R_{3}$ 
 $R_{4}$ 

47. The device of claim 46, wherein the compound has the structure:

$$\lim_{N \to \infty} X = \lim_{N \to \infty} X =$$

48. The device of claim 47, wherein m is 3 and n is zero, such that the compound has the structure:



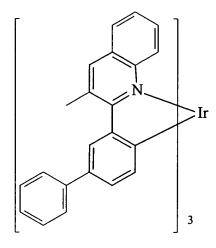
- 49. The device of claim 47, wherein m is 2 and n is 1.
- 50. The device of claim 49, having the structure:

51. The device of claim 45, having the structure:

$$R_6$$
 $R_4$ 
 $R_3$ 
 $R_4$ 
 $R_5$ 
 $R_7$ 
 $R_8$ 

52. The device of claim 51, wherein the compound has the structure:

53. The device of claim 52, wherein m is 3 and n is zero, such that the compound has the structure:



- 54. The device of claim 52, wherein m is 2 and n is 1.
- 55. The device of claim 54, having the structure:

- 56. The device of claim 35, wherein the device is incorporated into a consumer product.
- 57. An organic light emitting device, comprising:
  - (d) an anode;
  - (e) a cathode; and
  - (f) an emissive layer disposed between the anode and the cathode, the emissive layer further comprising an emissive material having a ligand with the structure:

#### wherein

M is a metal having an atomic weight greater than 40;

R<sub>3</sub>' is a substituent selected from the group consisting of alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and aralkyl, wherein R<sub>3</sub>' is optionally substituted by one or more substituents Z;

R<sub>5</sub> is a substituent selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said aryl or heteroaryl is unsubstituted or optionally, substituted with one or more non-aromatic groups;

ring A is an aromatic heterocyclic or a fused aromatic heterocyclic ring with at least one nitrogen atom that is coordinated to the metal M, wherein the ring A can be optionally substituted with one or more substituents Z;

 $R_3$  is a substituent selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkylaryl, CN, CF<sub>3</sub>,  $C_nF_{2n+1}$ , trifluorovinyl, CO<sub>2</sub>R, C(O)R, NR<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, OR, halo, aryl, heteroaryl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl or a heterocyclic group;

R<sub>4</sub> is a substitutent selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkylaryl, CN, CF<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>n</sub>F<sub>2n+1</sub>, trifluorovinyl, CO<sub>2</sub>R, C(O)R, NR<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, OR, halo, aryl, heteroaryl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl or a heterocyclic group;

additionally or alterntatively, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub>, together from independently a fused 4 to 7-member cyclic group, wherein said cyclic group is cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl; and wherein said cyclic group is optionally substituted by one or more substitutents Z;

R<sub>6</sub> is a substitutent selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkylaryl, CN, CF<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>n</sub>F<sub>2n+1</sub>, trifluorovinyl, CO<sub>2</sub>R, C(O)R, NR<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, OR, halo, aryl, heteroaryl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl or a heterocyclic group;

alternatively,  $R_3$ ' and  $R_6$  may be bridged by a group selected from  $-CR_2-CR_2-$ ,  $-CR=CR_2-$ ,  $-CR_2-$ , -O-, -NR-,  $-O-CR_2-$ ,  $-NR-CR_2-$ , and -N=CR-;

each R is independently H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or aralkyl; wherein R is optionally substituted by one or more substituents Z;

each Z is independently a halogen, R', O-R', N(R')<sub>2</sub>, SR', C(O)R', C(O)OR', C(O)N(R')<sub>2</sub>, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, SOR', SO<sub>2</sub>R', or SO<sub>3</sub>R';

each R' is independently H, alkyl, perhaloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl.

# 58. The device of claim 57, wherein the ligand has the structure

$$R_{4}$$
 $R_{5}$ 
 $R_{6}$ 
 $R_{6}$ 
 $R_{7}$ 
 $R_{8}$ 
 $R_{4}$ 
 $R_{3}$ 

wherein

 $R_4$ ',  $R_5$ ', and  $R_6$ ' are each independently H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl; and wherein  $R_4$ ',  $R_5$ ', and  $R_6$ ' are optionally substituted by one or more substituents Z; and

additionally or alternatively, any one or more of R<sub>4</sub>' and R<sub>5</sub>', or R<sub>5</sub>' and R<sub>6</sub>', or R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub>, together form independently a fused 4- to 7-member cyclic group, wherein said cyclic group is

cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl; and wherein said cyclic group is optionally substituted by one or more substituent Z;

additionally or alternatively,  $R_3$ ' and  $R_6$  are linked by a group having the formula: -CR<sub>2</sub>-CR<sub>2</sub>-, -CR = CR-, -CR<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -NR-, -O-CR<sub>2</sub>-, -NR-CR<sub>2</sub>-, -N = CR- wherein R is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, aryl, and aralkyl.

59. The device of claim 58, wherein the ligand has the structure:

$$R_4$$
 $R_3$ 
 $R_6$ 
 $R_5$ 
 $R_4$ 
 $R_3$ 

60. The device of claim 58, wherein the ligand has the structure:

$$R_{3}$$
 $R_{6}$ 
 $R_{5}$ 
 $R_{4}$ 
 $R_{5}$ 

61. The device of claim 58, wherein the ligand has the structure:

- 62. The device of claim 58, wherein R<sub>5</sub> is substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, naphthyl or pyridyl.
- 63. The device of claim 62, wherein  $R_5$  is a phenyl.
- 64. The device of claim 62, wherein R'<sub>3</sub> is a methyl group.
- 65. The device of claim 58, wherein the ligand has the structure:

$$R_{4}$$
 $R_{6}$ 
 $R_{6}$ 
 $R_{6}$ 
 $R_{6}$ 
 $R_{6}$ 

wherein  $R_5$ ' and  $R_6$ ' are H, and additionally or alternatively, together form a fused 4- to 7-member cyclic group, wherein said cyclic group is cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl.

66. The device of claim 65, wherein the ligand has the structure:

$$R_6$$
 $R_4$ 
 $R_3$ 

67. The device of claim 66, wherein the ligand has the structure:

68. The device of claim 65, wherein the ligand has the structure:

$$R_6$$
 $R_4$ 
 $R_3$ 

69. The device of claim 68, wherein the ligand has the structure:

70. The device of claim 57, wherein the device is incorporated into a consumer product.